It may be shown that the Atayals recognize the existence of such a thing as a corporation from the fact that the clan has property, buys and sells land, that it has definite representation, and that action may be brought against it, as it may bring action against someone else. In spite of this, I do not think that the Atayals see the clan as a special repository of their legal rights. It is more probable that they merely regard the head of the clan as the member who has to take care of the joint liabilities of the families in the clan together with them and as their authorized agent. Taking the law into one's own hands is not limited to cases of self-defence. For example, if an adopted child runs away, and the adoption money is not returned, the head of the family can take another child from this family or clan without further ado. [43] Other legal principles, such as fixing a term, or full power of attorney, are also known.